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Subject: Missoula 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment II

Dear Ms. Zanto:

This responds to your December 7 letter transmitting Missoula's 2011-2015 TIP Amendment II.

Amendment II adjusts revenue and project costs using current estimates. New projects included in the amendment, as noted in your letter, are exempt under Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 93.126.

Fiscal constraint is demonstrated with the adjustments to the TIP revenues, project costs, or balance adjustments. Authorization of a project or a project phase is contingent upon revenue availability at the time of the authorization request. Revenue assumptions without a long-term highway authorization bill are based upon the best available information.

Approval is hereby given to incorporate by reference Amendment II of the FY 2011-2015 Missoula TIP into Montana's current State Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

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